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The meeting was called to order at 4.30 p.m.

Agenda item 97: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (*continued*) (A/C.2/52/L.15, L.18, L.43, L.50 and L.53)

(c) Population and development (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on population and development (A/C.2/52/L.15 and L.43)

1. **Ms. Kelley** (Secretary of the Committee) said that, subsequent to the preparation of the programme budget implications (A/C.2/52/L.50) the Executive Office of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) had indicated that the Fund would be in a position to meet the cost of $120,000 for the travel of one representative from each of the least developed countries to the special session. Consequently, there would be no need for an appropriation from the regular budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

2. **Mr. Glanzer** (Austria), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.43, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.15, and recommended its adoption by consensus.

3. *Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.43 was adopted.*

4. *Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.15 was withdrawn.*

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference On Human Settlements (Habitat II) (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/C.2/52/L.18 and L.53)

5. **Mr. Glanzer** (Austria), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.53, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18, and recommended its adoption by consensus.

6. **Mr. Hidayat** (Indonesia), speaking as one of the facilitators of the draft resolution, drew attention to several editorial changes.

7. **Ms. Kelley** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the decision to hold a special session in the year 2001 would entail conference-servicing requirements; the latter would be included in the budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001, which would be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

8. *Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.53, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

9. *Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18 was withdrawn.*

10. **The Chairman** drew attention to two resolutions requiring action by the General Assembly, which were contained in the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its sixteenth session (A/52/8).

11. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend for adoption by the General Assembly, the resolutions contained in Commission resolutions 16/1 and 16/2, respectively entitled "Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000" and "Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the future role of the Commission on Human Settlements", as contained in document A/52/8.

12. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 100: Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/52/L.32 and L.52)

13. **Mr. Abdellatif** (Egypt), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.52, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32, and recommended its adoption by consensus.

14. **Mr. Wahab** (Pakistan), speaking as coordinator of the draft resolution, made a correction to the text.

15. *Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.52, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

16. *Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 98: Environment and sustainable development (*continued*) (A/C.2/52/L.21)

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/C.2/52/L.21 and L.55)

17. **Mr. Glanzer** (Austria), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.55, which he was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21, and recommended its adoption.

18. **Mr. Winnick** (United States of America) said that his Government was concerned about efforts to secure continued funding from the United Nations regular budget for costs associated with the operation of various conventions drawn up following the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Such costs must be borne by the parties

to the conventions themselves. The United States was, however, prepared to increase substantially its voluntary contributions to international climate programmes during the 1998 fiscal year. Part of those contributions could be used to support conference costs associated with those conventions. The United States disassociated itself from paragraph 5 of the draft resolution.

19. After a discussion in which **Mr. Kamanda** (United Republic of Tanzania), **Mr. Ramtallah** (Sudan) and **Mr. Yu Qingtai** (China) took part, **the Chairman** suggested that action on the draft resolution should be postponed until the text was available in all the official languages.

The meeting was suspended at 4.55 p.m. and resumed at 5.25 p.m.

Other matters

20. **Mr. Dinduns** (Latvia) said that at the 46th meeting, his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.6/Rev.1, submitted under agenda item 101.

The meeting rose at 5.35 p.m.